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Status		
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 F	February 2005.	
2a)⊠ This action is FINAL . 2b)☐ This	s action is non-final.	
3) Since this application is in condition for allowa	ance except for formal ma	tters, prosecution as to the merits is
closed in accordance with the practice under	Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.	D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.
Disposition of Claims		
4) ⊠ Claim(s) 1-54 is/are pending in the application 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdra 5) □ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ⊠ Claim(s) 1-54 is/are rejected. 7) □ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) □ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	awn from consideration.	
Application Papers		
9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examin		
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12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority document 2. Certified copies of the priority document 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority document application from the International Bureat * See the attached detailed Office action for a list	nts have been received. Its have been received in ority documents have bee au (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	Application No n received in this National Stage
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DETAILED ACTION

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1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 2. Claims 1-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Campillo et al (H1522) in view of Kirkpatrick (6,738,012).

Campillo et al disclose a countermeasure missile defense system comprising substantially all claimed steps or elements, including a dispenser to dispense a substance (i.e. an aerosol or particles) into an attack envelope, a laser to illuminate the substance with a first frequency and cause the substance to radiate at a second frequency, and inherently a means for the detection of an attack and the control of the defense system. See especially column 2, line 61 - column 4, line 49. Campillo et al fail to show the defense system being used to defend an aircraft or the particular sensor means for tracking the attacking missile. Kirkpatrick teaches that it is well known to use infrared defense systems to protect aircraft from missile attack, as well as showing the use of visual, radar and laser means for tracking the missile. Kirkpatrick also teaches the coordination between a ground station and the aircraft based elements, such as required for the limitation that the exciter laser be ground-based. See especially column 1, line 57-column 2, line 10; and column 3, line 65-column 4, line 3. Motivation to combine is the mere substitution of the system from the defense of one type of target to the defense of another known type of target and the use of particular sensor systems in place of unspecified systems. To employ the teachings of Kirkpatrick on the defense system of Campillo et al and have the system defend an aircraft is considered to have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art.

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3. Applicant's arguments filed 2-14-05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The argument that one of ordinary skill would not be motivated to combine the defense system of Campillo et al with Kirkpatrick to defend an aircraft is not considered persuasive because the same type of infrared-seeking missile is being defended against in each case. The argument that different characteristics are involved is not considered persuasive because, in the first place, any particular thermal or spatial parameters are not claimed, and, in the second place, it is believed that the defense system could be applied to at least some aircraft without any substantial modification or undue experimentation.

4. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Woodrow Eldred whose telephone number is 571-273-6901. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Teri Luu can be reached on 571-272-7045. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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